

Soon the horse-drawn machine-driven thresher was invented. Five teams of horses were required to make the power for the thresher. The five shareholders of the machine traveled with it and handled the operation of it. Walter Wilson, a jolly happy-go-lucky fellow, always traveled wherever the thresher went. He stood on a platform holding a long whip and drove all five teams at the same time. The owners of the machine took toll for pay, generally at the rate of 8 bushels of grain to every 100 bushels threshed. Oxen were used to haul grain and hay. Hauling became a trade of great importance. President Cluff, of Coalville, once owned the Jones Property at the Narrows. He owned 3 teams of oxen which he used to haul hay from Henefer to Coalville.

The mines had been opened in Grass Creek and Coalville. Hundreds of tons of coal were hauled to Park City and to Salt Lake City. Coal sold at \$35.00 to \$45.00 per ton. On the return trip the teamsters would load their wagons with merchandise in Salt Lake City, for the stores in Coalville, Echo and Henefer.



Early Transportation

The first wagons had wooden wheels with iron tires. Many families bought the new "White Top" buggy, then came the beautiful "Surrey with the Fringe on Top." For winter use runners were placed on wagons and they became bob sleighs. The Cutter was the "Cadillac" of the nineties. This mode of travel had been replaced by the invention of the automobile. What excitement there was when the first auto came to town. Such is the growth of transportation.

## TRUE STORIES OF HENEFER PIONEERS

*She would gently gather us 'round her,  
At closing of the day,  
Our dear little great grandmother,  
When she could hear us say,  
"Please Grandma, tell us a story."*

William Henry Hennefer after the death of his wife returned to Salt Lake City where he was employed on the City Police force. It was at the time that Johnston's Army was quartered at Camp Floyd and it was a difficult job to keep the peace in Great Salt Lake.

On one occasion the soldiers made a great disturbance and some shots were fired at the policemen during the fracas. A Doctor Forney, who was in the group was injured. The men who were arrested swore vengeance on Mr. Hennefer. In 1861 William returned to Henefer and was appointed first Presiding Elder by Brigham Young. On one occasion he, accompanied by his brother James, made a trip by oxen and wagon to Evanston, Wyoming on business. Two days were required to make the trip so they camped about a mile east of Castle Rock in Echo Canyon.

Johnston's Army was in the process of evacuation at this time and by an act of fate the same Dr. Forney and his party of soldiers were camped near by. Some of the soldiers recognized William, the policeman, and under the command of Dr. Forney they tied him to a wheel of his wagon and flogged him with a bull whip until he was very near death. Large bits of clothing were flogged into his flesh. Then stripped and bleeding he was driven from camp to die. James, although innocent, except for being a brother of William, was beaten, kicked into a stream of water and nearly drowned but he escaped. He walked a distance of several miles to a mail station at the entrance of Echo Canyon to get aid for his brother. William was near death when they reached him. The clothing was soaked out of his wounds with sagebrush tea and whiskey. He was very ill for a long time.